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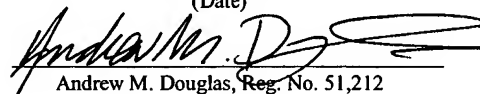
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 9 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

There is no additional fee -- as shown below:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims	51 - 55 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$ 0
Independent Claims	5 - 7 = 0	2201 (\$100)	0 x 100 =	\$ 0
Multiple Claim	0	2203 (\$180)		\$ 0
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- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.



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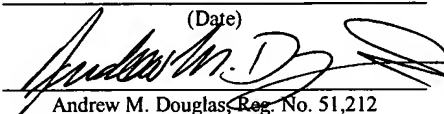
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.